### **Fact Sheet**

#### **Title**

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Maury Island Lone Star Gravel Mine

## Description of proposal and alternatives

Lone Star Northwest has submitted a request to King County to significantly increase mining over current levels at its Maury Island sand and gravel mine, and to barge materials off the site using the existing dock. If approved, up to 193 acres of the 235-acre site would eventually be mined. A 50-foot-wide buffer would be retained around the site perimeter, and a 200-foot-wide buffer would remain along the Puget Sound shoreline. The applicant's proposal, two other mining alternatives, and no action are evaluated:

**Proposed Action** – Mining levels would increase to a maximum of approximately 7.5 million tons annually, with most of the material being barged to off-island markets. Barge loading could occur 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Up to four 10,000-ton barges (or a greater number of smaller barges) would be loaded during each 24-hour period.

Local market sales of sand and gravel would average 15,000 tons annually, with a maximum of 20 trucks per day needed for hauling.

Clearing would be phased; up to 64 acres would be actively mined or reclaimed at any one time. Active mining could occur from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. A portable crushing/screening plant is expected to be used for 1 to 2 months once every 3 to 4 years. Sand/gravel would be transported from mined areas to barges using a conveyor belt system. Mining would last for 11 to 50 years.

Consistent with the DNR requirements, site reclamation would include (1) pre-mining site preparation, (2) slope stabilization and erosion control, including stormwater control and temporary erosion control measures such as hydroseeding and filter fence check dams, (3) final contouring and topsoil placement, and (4) revegetation with grasses, shrubs, and trees.

To address public safety concerns regarding arsenic contamination of onsite soils, the applicant is proposing to fully contain contaminated materials within a sealed berm. At full capacity (when mining is complete), the berm would measure up to 30 feet high and 2,100 feet long. The berm would be located on the northern edge of the site, but outside of the 50-foot vegetated buffer, which would be maintained.

Because most topsoils would be unavailable for reclamation, either soils manufactured onsite, or offsite soils, or a combination of these two materials would be used to establish topsoil for reclamation. Onsite topsoils would be prepared using composted and/or mulched organic mater (from cleared vegetation) added to non-contaminated soils and/or sands.

Alternative 1: Reduced Barging Hours, Scenario 1 – Mining levels would increase to a maximum of approximately 5.72 million tons annually, with most of the material being barged to off-island markets. Barge loading could occur 16 hours per weekday and 9 hours on Saturday. Up to two 10,000-ton barges (or a greater number of smaller barges) would be loaded on each weekday, and one on Saturday. Local market sales would be the same as the Proposed Action.

Clearing would be phased in the same manner as the Proposed Action. Active mining could occur from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. A portable crushing/screening plant would be used as for the Proposed Action. Sand/gravel would be transported from mined areas to barges using a conveyor belt system. Mining would last for 15 to 60 years. Reclamation requirements and activities would be the same as the Proposed Action.

Alternative 2: Reduced Barging Hours, Scenario 2 – Mining levels would increase to a maximum of approximately 3.12 million tons annually, with most of the material being barged to off-island markets. Barge loading could occur 12 hours per day, Monday through Saturday. Up to one 10,000-ton barge (or a greater number of smaller barges) would be loaded on each working day. Local market sales would be the same as the Proposed Action.

Clearing would be phased in the same manner as the Proposed Action. Active mining could occur from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. A portable crushing/screening plant would be used as for the Proposed Action. Sand/gravel would be transported from mined areas to barges using a conveyor belt system. Mining would last for 30 to 75 years. Reclamation requirements and activities would be the same as the Proposed Action.

**No-Action Alternative** – Mining would continue at the current low levels (approximately 20,000 tons per year maximum). No barging would occur. Mined materials would be trucked to local markets.

Mining would be conducted in slow progression from the center of the site out. Active mining would occur from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. A portable crushing/screening plant would be used for about a month every 5 to 10 years. Mining would continue indefinitely. Site reclamation would occur to meet DNR requirements, but at a much slower pace than the Proposed Action.

Under No-Action, a much lower volume of soils would require

management due to the low level of mining. The method for addressing contaminated soils would be agreed to between the Department of

Ecology/King County and the applicant.

**Location of site** Portions of Sections 28 and 29, Township 22N, Range 3E, on the eastern

edge of Maury Island next to Vashon Island and along the East Passage

in King County, Washington.

**Proposal's sponsor** Northwest Aggregates (wholly-owned subsidiary of Lone Star

Northwest)

**Date of implementation** The applicant would initiate increased levels of mining as soon as

possible after the Grading Permit is approved. The exact date when this

would occur cannot be predicted because of uncertainties in the

permitting process.

**Lead agency** King County Department of Development and Environmental Services

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List of possible permit, approval, and license requirements

Revised Grading Permit (King County)

Revised Surface Mining Reclamation Permit (Washington Department

of Natural Resources)

Notice of Construction Permit (Puget Sound Air Pollution Control

Agency)

Periodic Review of Extractive and Processing Operations (King County)

Aquatic Lands Lease (Department of Natural Resources)

Section 10 (Rivers and Harbors Act) Individual Permit (U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers)

Section 404 (Clean Water Act) Permit (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) Endangered Species Act Compliance (National Marine Fisheries Service,

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

Shorelines Substantial Development Permit (King County)

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7 - 9 p.m.

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Vashon Island, WA

Final EIS issue date Fall 1999

Subsequent

environmental review

If a revised grading permit is approved, King County will periodically review the grading permit and compliance with mitigation and

monitoring requirements, as stipulated in the County's decision.

Location of background

information

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